

**Cooper and Commerce Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Freestone Recreation Center
1141 E. Guadalupe Road, Gilbert

DRAFT MINUTES

OU #07-169

CAB members present: Pacer Udall, Deanna Gnadt, Michael Evans, Bobbi Buchli, and Nayangenya (Joe) Maniga

CAB Members absent: Mehdi Zebian, Bruce Friedrich, Charles Caldwell, and Carrie Lewis

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Frank Bell, Community Involvement Coordinator

Members of the public present: Joe Peters

The following matters were discussed, considered, or decided at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Pacer Udall welcomed the CAB members and the public to the meeting. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to follow up on action that could not be taken at the previous meeting due to lack of quorum. Mr. Evans discussed the outreach opportunities that the CAB needs to formally approve. Mr. Evans commented that he and Mr. Udall would like to attend some meetings and home owners associations (HOAs) that are within the plume boundary of the site.

2. CAB Outreach Opportunities –

Mr. Evans summarized Mr. Goodwin's comments from the last meeting regarding plume migration under Cooper Road and what ADEQ wants to do in terms of testing and drilling. He reminded them that calls from the public are usually received when this type of action takes place. Mr. Evans told the CAB members this was the kind of outreach that the CAB members can do by talking with the residents. He had suggested in the last meeting that CAB members go to their respective home owners association meetings and be available to answer questions and/or tell them what the Community Advisory Board is doing. He continued to explain that since this was an action of the CAB, it needed to go through the CAB approval process. Mr. Evans pointed out that it is important to be proactive rather than reactive about going to HOA and PTO organizations.

Mr. Udall asked the CAB members present if anyone lived in the HOAs near the plume and wanted to know if one had to be a member to attend the meetings. No one had a response. Mr. Evans mentioned he knew that the Neighborhood Services Department of the Town of Gilbert has a list of all the management

companies for the HOAs and their officers. The CAB could contact them and ask them if they would be interested in the CAB coming out and speaking. Mr. Udall asked CAB members to attend HOA meetings and talk about the drilling and what the CAB is doing. Mr. Bell mentioned the drilling will begin May 14, 2007.

Mr. Udall asked for a motion to allow the CAB to participate in these activities in order to recruit new members and make more people aware of the site cleanup. Ms. Deanna Gnadt stated she wrote an article about the general situation for her HOA newsletter and copied Mr. Goodwin. She also sent an e-mail to her HOA Board. Ms. Gnadt stated there was some fear about what this information would do regarding property values in the area. Ms. Buchli added this is why the Co-Chairs need to be proactive and get the information out to realtors and neighbors. Discussion was held on realtor disclosure requirements. Mr. Bell stated he has been contacted about properties within the WQARF and answered those inquiries.

The CAB discussed other avenues for outreach to the communities and advertisement of the CAB. Mr. Evans mentioned utilizing the Tribune, the Southeast section of the Republic, and/or the Gilbert Independent. Mr. Evans stated what he thought the town policy was on disclosure and stated the town had been very diligent in making sure no single family homes were built in two different areas: 1) directly in line of the flight path, and 2) within the area that may be the flight path. Mr. Bell informed the CAB that letters or notices will be sent out during the week of May 7th to the residents of Sonesta Estates regarding the upcoming drilling.

Mr. Peters asked if thought was given to dedicating a website to share information on current activities to handout at home owners associations meetings or put in the mailings or in bills. Mr. Evans stated that all that information is on the ADEQ website.

Mr. Evans moved to grant authorization to board members to speak on behalf of the CAB of the Cooper and Commerce WQARF Site. Ms. Gnadt seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. CAB Attendance Requirements, Membership Discussion and Possible Voting

Mr. Bell informed the CAB that three individuals indicated they wanted to resign from the CAB: Mr. Bruce Friedrich, Mr. Charles Caldwell and Mr. Mehdi Zebian due to conflicts in their schedules.

Ms. Gnadt asked about a call that was made to her to find names of people to call regarding associations in the area. Mr. Bell stated he had contacted Mr. Jerry Newitt (Sonesta Estates) and informed him of the last two meetings, but he was unable to attend. He was advised to send a representative, but none came. Mr. Evans suggested contacting the Neighborhood Services Department Office for the Town of Gilbert. Ms. Hilga Stafford would be a good contact person. He also suggested the Gilbert School District to get contacts for the PTOs for the three elementary schools in the area: 1) Oak Tree Elementary, Neely, which is now called GPS Traditional Academy, and Playa del Rey Elementary School.

Mr. Evans moved to terminate Mr. Zebian and Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Udall stated the Mr. Friedrich needs to submit a letter of resignation. Ms. Gnadt seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

4. Call to the Public –

Mr. Joe Peters thought the discussion was interesting and stated he lived in the Scottsdale North Indian Bend Wash area, which is a Superfund site. He talked about the process that went on there in regards to the lawsuit, property values, and other aspects dealing with that site. Discussion followed on the merits of providing too little or too much information to the public. Mr. Udall stated the CAB's job is to provide input on the cleanup and hope ADEQ will take all public comments into consideration.

Ms. Buchli asked about notices being handed out at the time of drilling in case people have questions. Mr. Bell replied the notices will be handed out the week of May 7th. The notices will inform residents of what's going on and who to contact with questions.

5. Next Meeting Date and Agenda Discussion

Mr. Udall asked Mr. Bell to work on putting a package together of handouts with information about the Cooper and Commerce Site. Mr. Evans asked for a report from Mr. Goodwin of the results of the drilling. Future agenda items suggested were: a follow up on outreach activities; acceptance to the minutes for 4/17/07, 11/16/06 and 2/10/07 meetings and any follow up questions from the site visit.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Thursday July 12th at the McQueen Park Recreation Center at 5:30 pm.

6. Adjournment